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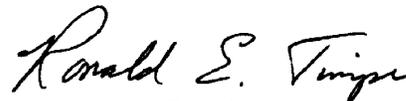
CERTIFICATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Policyowner:	Commonwealth of Kentucky
Policy Number:	641682-A
Effective Date:	July 1, 2001

A Group Policy has been issued to the Policyowner. We certify that you will be insured as provided by the terms of the Group Policy. If your coverage is changed by an amendment to the Group Policy, we will provide the Policyowner with a revised Certificate or other notice to be given to you.

Possession of this Certificate does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this Certificate. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern.

"We", "us" and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. "You" and "your" mean the Member. All other defined terms appear with the initial letter capitalized. Section headings, and references to them, appear in boldface type.


President

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COVERAGE FEATURES

This section contains many of the features of your group life insurance. Other provisions, including exclusions and limitations, appear in other sections. Please refer to the text of each section for full details. The Table of Contents and the Index of Defined Terms help locate sections and definitions.

GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number:	641682-A
Type of Insurance Provided:	
Life Insurance:	Yes
Dependents Life Insurance:	Yes
Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance:	Yes
Policyowner:	Commonwealth of Kentucky
Employer (s):	Commonwealth of Kentucky
Group Policy Effective Date:	July 1, 2001
Policy Issued in:	Kentucky

BECOMING INSURED

To become insured for Life Insurance you must: (a) Be a Member; (b) Complete your Eligibility Waiting Period; and (c) Meet the requirements in **Life Insurance** and **Active Work Requirements**. The requirements for becoming insured for coverages other than Life Insurance are set out in the text.

Definition of Member: You are a Member if you (a) contribute to one of the State administered retirement systems, and (b) are one of the following:

1. A regular full-time State employee, who is regularly employed working 100 hours per month;
2. An elected state official of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, includes members of the General Assembly, Judge of the Court of Justice, Circuit Clerks, Commonwealth Attorneys and Property Valuation Administrators;
3. An employee of a local board of education defined as follows;

“Regular, full-time, non-certified employee” means an employee having the expectation that he is to be employed for the full school term (or the remainder of the school term) as defined in KRS 158.070, and whose assignments require a minimum of eighty (80) hours per school month as defined in KRS 158.060.

“Regular, full-time, certified employee” means an employee with the expectation that he is to perform duties for the full school term (or the remainder of the

school term) as defined in KRS 158.070 but in no instance shall such employment require less than seventy (70) percent of the school day or school month as defined in KRS 158.060.

4. A local health department employee meaning an employee of a county, district or independent health department who is designated in a regular full-time or part-time 100-hour status.

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee; or
2. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Eligibility Waiting Period:

You are eligible on the later of the following dates:

1. The Group Policy Effective Date; and
2. The first day of the second calendar month following the date you become a Member.

Evidence of Insurability:

Required:

- a. For late application for Optional Insurance.
- b. For late application for Dependents Life Insurance.
- c. For Optional insurance for Members eligible but not insured for optional insurance under the prior plan.
- d. For reinstatements if required.
- e. For Optional Life Insurance in excess of \$150,000. This requirement is waived on July 1, 2001 for amounts in effect under the Prior Plan on June 30, 2001.
- f. For an elective increase in Optional Life Insurance resulting from a change in your rate of earnings, unless you apply for the increase within 31 days of the change in your annual rate of earnings.
- g. For any other elective increase in Optional Life Insurance and Dependents Life Insurance.

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life and AD&D Insurance:

Basic: Noncontributory

Optional: Contributory

Dependents Life Insurance: Contributory

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

SCHEDULE OF LIFE INSURANCE

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit:

You will become insured under the Basic plan if you meet the requirements to become insured under the Group Policy.

You may also become insured under the Optional plan if you meet the requirements to become insured under Basic Life Insurance under the Group Policy. The Optional plan is a Contributory plan requiring premium contributions from Members.

You may be insured under Basic and any one plan of Optional.

Basic: \$20,000

Optional: You may apply for one of the following Options:

Plan 1: \$5,000

Plan 2: \$10,000

Plan 3: 1 times your Annual Earnings*

Plan 4: 2 times your Annual Earnings*

*rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1,000, if not already a multiple of \$1,000.

Note: If your annual rate of earnings increases and you desire your Optional insurance to increase accordingly, you must apply for such increase.

For your Dependents:

Dependents Life Insurance Benefit: You may apply for one of the following Plans:

Plan A:

Spouse: \$10,000

Child under 6 months: \$2,500

*Child 6 months to 18 years: \$5,000

Plan B:

Spouse: \$5,000

Child under 6 months: \$1,500

*Child 6 months to 18 years: \$3,000

Plan C:

Spouse: \$5,000

Child under 6 months: None

*Child 6 months to 18 years: None

Plan D:

Spouse: \$10,000

Child under 6 months: None

*Child 6 months to 18 years: None

Plan E:

Spouse: None

Child under 6 months: \$2,500

*Child 6 months to 18 years: \$5,000

The amount of Dependents Life Insurance for your Spouse or Child may not exceed 50% of the amount of your Life Insurance.

*or a Child 18 or older who is a registered student in full time attendance at an accredited educational institution.

SCHEDULE OF AD&D INSURANCE

For you:

AD&D Insurance Benefit:	The amount payable for certain Losses is less than 100% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit. See AD&D Table Of Losses.
Basic (basic):	\$20,000
Optional (additional):	Equals the amount of your Optional Life Insurance Benefit.
Seat Belt Benefit:	The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$10,000 or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for loss of life.

AD&D TABLE OF LOSSES

The amount payable is a percentage of the AD&D Insurance Benefit in effect on the date of the accident and is determined by the Loss suffered as shown in the following table:

Loss:	Percentage Payable:
a. Life	100%
b. One hand, one foot or sight of one eye	50%
c. Two or more of the Losses listed in b. above	100%

No more than 100% of your AD&D Insurance will be paid for all Losses resulting from one accident.

REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

Your insurance is not subject to reductions because of age.

OTHER BENEFITS

Waiver Of Premium: No

OTHER PROVISIONS

Limits on Right To Convert if
Group Policy terminates
or is amended:

Minimum Time Insured: 5 years

Maximum Conversion Amount: \$10,000

Leave Of Absence Period: 12 months

Annual Earnings based on: Earnings in effect on the date of your enrollment.

However, Annual Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work if your annual rate of earnings increases and you apply to have your Optional insurance increase accordingly.

LIFE INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If you die while insured for Life Insurance, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

B. Amount Of Life Insurance

See the **Coverage Features** for the Life Insurance schedule.

C. Changes In Life Insurance

1. Increases

You must apply in writing for any elective increase in your Life Insurance.

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, an increase in your Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply for an elective increase.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date the Policyowner or your Employer receives your written request for the decrease.

D. When Life Insurance Become Effective

The **Coverage Features** states whether your Life Insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory.

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

1. Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability

Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month following the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

2. Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability

a. Noncontributory Life Insurance

Noncontributory Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

b. Contributory Life Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory Life Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on:

(i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.

(ii) The date you apply if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible.

Late application: Evidence Of Insurability is required if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible.

3. Takeover Provision

- a. If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, your Eligibility Waiting Period is waived on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
- b. You must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for Life Insurance if you were eligible under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but were not insured.

E. When Life Insurance Ends

Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your insurance is Contributory;
2. The date the Group Policy terminates;
3. The first day of the second calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which your employment terminates; and
4. The first day of the second calendar month immediately following the calendar month in which you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.
 - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
 - b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy.
 - c. During the first 60 days of:
 - (1) A temporary layoff; or
 - (2) A strike, lockout, or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute between your collective bargaining unit and your Employer.
 - d. During a leave of absence if continuation of your insurance under the Group Policy is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.
 - e. During any other scheduled leave of absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing and lasting not more than the period shown in the **Coverage Features**.

F. Reinstatement Of Life Insurance

If your Life Insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, 1 through 4 below will apply.

1. If your Life Insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
2. If your Life Insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
3. If you exercised your Right To Convert, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.

4. If your Life Insurance ends because you are on a federal or state-mandated family or medical leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the period allowed, your insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.

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DEPENDENTS LIFE INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If your Dependent dies while insured for Dependents Life Insurance, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

B. Amount Of Dependents Life Insurance

See the **Coverage Features** for the amount of your Dependents Life Insurance.

C. Changes In Dependents Life Insurance

1. Increases

You must apply in writing for any elective increase in your Dependents Life Insurance.

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, an increase in your Dependents Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Dependents Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve that Dependent's Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Dependents Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply for an elective increase.

An increase in your Dependents Life Insurance because of an increase in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the date your Life Insurance increases.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Dependents Life Insurance because of a decrease in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the date your Life Insurance decreases.

D. Definitions For Dependents Life Insurance

Dependent means your Spouse or Child. Dependent does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

E. Becoming Insured For Dependents Life Insurance

1. Eligibility

You become eligible to insure your Dependents on the later of:

- a. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective; and
- b. The date you first acquire a Dependent.

2. Effective Date

The **Coverage Features** states whether your Dependents Life Insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Dependents Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

a. Dependents Life Insurance Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

Dependents Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the later of:

1. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective; and
2. The first day of the calendar month following the date we approve the Dependent's Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Dependents Life Insurance Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

1. Noncontributory Dependents Life Insurance

Noncontributory Dependents Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the later of:

- i. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective; and
- ii. The date you first acquire a Dependent.

2. Contributory Dependents Life Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory Dependents Life Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory Dependents Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the latest of:

- i. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective if you apply on or before that date;
- ii. The date you become eligible to insure your Dependents if you apply on or before that date; and
- iii. The date you apply if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible.

Late Application: Evidence Of Insurability is required for each Dependent if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible.

c. While your Dependents Life Insurance is in effect, each new Child becomes insured immediately.

d. Takeover Provision

Each Dependent who was eligible under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but was not insured must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for Dependents Life Insurance.

F. When Dependents Life Insurance Ends

Dependents Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. Five months after you die (no premiums will be charged for your Dependents Life Insurance during this time);
2. The date your Life Insurance ends;
3. The date the Group Policy terminates, or the date Dependents Life Insurance terminates under the Group Policy;
4. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your Dependents Life Insurance is Contributory;

5. For your Spouse, the last day of the calendar month in which you become divorced;
6. For any Dependent, the last day of the calendar month in which the Dependent ceases to be a Dependent; and
7. For a Child who is Disabled, 90 days after we mail you a request for proof of Disability, if proof is not given.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If you have an accident, while insured for AD&D Insurance, and the accident results in a Loss, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

B. Definition Of Loss For AD&D Insurance

Loss means loss of life, hand, foot, or sight which:

1. Is caused solely and directly by an accident;
2. Occurs independently of all other causes; and
3. Occurs within 365 days after the accident.

With respect to a hand or foot, Loss means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint. With respect to sight, Loss means entire and irrecoverable loss of sight.

C. Amount Payable

See **Coverage Features** for the AD&D Insurance schedule. The amount payable is a percentage of the AD&D Insurance Benefit in effect on the date of the accident and is determined by the Loss suffered. See AD&D Table Of Losses in the **Coverage Features**.

D. Changes In AD&D Insurance

Changes in your AD&D Insurance will become effective on the date your Life Insurance changes.

E. AD&D Insurance Exclusions

No AD&D Insurance benefit is payable if the accident or Loss is caused or contributed to by any of the following:

1. War or act of War. War means declared or undeclared war, whether civil or international, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature.
2. Suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
3. Committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or actively participating in a violent disorder or riot. Actively participating does not include being at the scene of a violent disorder or riot while performing your official duties.
4. The voluntary use or consumption of any poison, chemical compound or drug, unless used or consumed according to the directions of a physician.
5. Sickness or Pregnancy existing at the time of the accident.
6. Heart attack or stroke.
7. Medical or surgical treatment for any of the above.

F. Seat Belt Benefit

The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Seat Belt Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You die as a result of an Automobile accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your Life; and
2. You are wearing and properly utilizing a Seat Belt System at the time of the accident, as evidenced by a police accident report.

Seat Belt System means a properly installed combination lap and shoulder restraint system that meets the Federal Vehicle Safety Standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Seat Belt System will include a lap belt alone, but only if the Automobile did not have a combination lap and shoulder restraint system when manufactured. Seat Belt System does not include a shoulder restraint alone.

Automobile means a motor vehicle licensed for use on public highways.

G. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance

1. Eligibility

You become eligible for AD&D Insurance on the date your Life Insurance is effective.

2. Effective Date

The **Coverage Features** states whether AD&D Insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, AD&D Insurance becomes effective as follows:

a. Noncontributory AD&D Insurance

Noncontributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

b. Contributory AD&D Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory AD&D Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the later of:

- (i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.
- (ii) The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply, if you apply after you become eligible.

H. When AD&D Insurance Ends

AD&D Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date your Life Insurance ends.
2. The date AD&D Insurance terminates under the Group Policy.

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ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

If you are incapable of Active Work because of Sickness, Injury or Pregnancy on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or an increase in your insurance, your insurance or increase will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of Active Work as an eligible Member.

Active Work and Actively At Work mean performing the material duties of your own occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

You will also meet the Active Work requirement if:

1. You were absent from Active Work because of a regularly scheduled day off, holiday, or vacation day;
2. You were Actively At Work on your last scheduled work day before the date of your absence; and
3. You were capable of Active Work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or increase in your insurance.

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CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, you can become insured on the effective date of your Employer's coverage without meeting the Active Work requirement. See **Active Work Provisions**.

B. Payment Of Benefit

The benefits payable before you meet the Active Work requirement will be:

1. The benefits which would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force; reduced by
2. Any benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

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RIGHT TO CONVERT

A. Right To Convert

You may buy an individual policy of life insurance without Evidence Of Insurability if:

1. Your Insurance ends or is reduced due to a Qualifying Event; and
2. You apply in writing and pay us the first premium during the Conversion Period.

Except as limited under C. Limits On Right To Convert, the maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the amount of your Insurance which ended.

B. Definitions For Right To Convert

1. Conversion Period means the 31-day period after the date of any Qualifying Event.
2. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy, but excluding AD&D Insurance.
3. Qualifying Event means termination or reduction of your Insurance for any reason except the Member's failure to make a required premium contribution.
4. You and your mean any person insured under the Group Policy.

C. Limits On Right To Convert

If your Insurance ends or is reduced because of termination or amendment of the Group Policy, 1 and 2 below will apply.

1. You may not convert Insurance which has been in effect for less than the Minimum Time Insured. See **Coverage Features**.

2. The maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the lesser of:
 - a. The amount of your Insurance which ended, minus any other group life insurance for which you become eligible during the Conversion Period; and
 - b. The Maximum Conversion Amount. See **Coverage Features**.

D. The Individual Policy

You may select any form of individual life insurance policy we issue to persons of your age, except:

1. A term insurance policy;
2. A universal life policy;
3. A policy with disability, accidental death, or other additional benefits; or
4. A policy in an amount less than the minimum amount we issue for the form of life insurance you select.

The individual policy of life insurance will become effective on the day after the end of the Conversion Period. We will use our published rates for standard risks to determine the premium.

E. Death During The Conversion Period

If you die during the Conversion Period, we will pay a death benefit equal to the maximum amount you had a Right To Convert, whether or not you applied for an individual policy. The benefit will be paid according to the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions**.

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CLAIMS

A. Filing A Claim

Claims should be filed on our forms. If we do not provide our forms within 15 days after they are requested, the claim may be submitted in a letter to us.

B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss. If that is not possible, it must be provided as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after that 90-day period.

If Proof Of Loss is filed outside these time limits, the claim will be denied. These limits will not apply while the Member or Beneficiary lacks legal capacity.

C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that a loss occurred:

1. For which the Group Policy provides benefits;
2. Which is not subject to any exclusions; and
3. Which meets all other conditions for benefits.

Proof Of Loss includes any other information we may reasonably require in support of a claim. Proof Of Loss must be in writing and must be provided at the expense of the claimant. No benefits will be provided until we receive Proof Of Loss.

D. Investigation Of Claim

We may have you examined at our expense at reasonable intervals. Any such examination will be conducted by specialists of our choice.

We may have an autopsy performed at our expense, except where prohibited by law.

E. Time Of Payment

We will pay benefits within 30 days after Proof Of Loss is satisfied.

F. Notice Of Decision On Claim

The claimant will receive a written decision on a claim within a reasonable time after we receive the claim.

If the claimant does not receive our decision within 90 days after we receive the claim, the claimant will have an immediate right to request a review as if the claim had been denied.

If we deny any part of the claim, the claimant will receive a written notice of denial containing:

1. The reasons for our decision;
2. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based;
3. A description of any additional information needed to support the claim; and
4. Information concerning the claimant's right to a review of our decision.

G. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, the claimant must request a review in writing within 60 days after receiving notice of the denial.

The claimant may send us written comments or other items to support the claim, and may review any nonprivileged information that relates to the request for review.

We will review the claim promptly after we receive the request. We will send notice of our decision within 60 days after we receive the request, or within 120 days if special circumstances require an extension. We will state the reasons for our decision and refer to the relevant parts of the Group Policy.

ASSIGNMENT

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy cannot be assigned.

BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

A. Payment Of Benefits

1. Benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. See B through E of this section.
2. AD&D Insurance benefits payable for Losses other than Loss of Life will be paid to the person who suffers the Loss for which benefits are payable. Any such benefits remaining unpaid at that person's death will be paid according to the provisions for payment of a death benefit.
3. Dependents Life Insurance benefits below will be paid to you if you are living.
4. Dependents Life Insurance benefits, which are unpaid at your death, will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.
 - a. The children of the Dependent.
 - b. The parents of the Dependent.

- c. The brothers and sisters of the Dependent.
- d. Your estate.

B. Naming A Beneficiary

Beneficiary means a person you name to receive death benefits.

You may name one or more Beneficiaries. Two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless you specify otherwise. You may name or change Beneficiaries at any time without the consent of a Beneficiary.

Your Beneficiary designations for Basic Life and AD&D Insurance and your Optional Life and AD&D Insurance may be different. However:

- a. Your Beneficiary designation for Basic Life Insurance and Basic AD&D Insurance death benefits must be the same; and
- b. Your Beneficiary designation for Optional Life Insurance and Optional AD&D Insurance death benefits must be the same.

You must name or change Beneficiaries in writing. Your designation:

- 1. Must be dated and signed by you;
- 2. Must be delivered to the Policyowner or Employer during your lifetime;
- 3. Must relate to the insurance provided under the Group Policy; and
- 4. Will take effect on the date it is delivered to the Policyowner or Employer.

If we approve it, a written designation signed and dated by you under the Prior Plan will be accepted as your Beneficiary designation under the Group Policy.

C. Simultaneous Death Provision

If a Beneficiary dies on the same day you die, or within 15 days thereafter, benefits will be paid as if that Beneficiary had died before you, unless Proof Of Loss with respect to your death is delivered to us before the date of the Beneficiary's death.

D. No Surviving Beneficiary

If you do not name a Beneficiary, or if you are not survived by one, benefits will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.

- 1. Your spouse.
- 2. Your children.
- 3. Your parents.
- 4. Your brothers and sisters.
- 5. Your estate.

E. Methods Of Payment

Recipient means a person who is entitled to benefits under this **Benefit Payment and Beneficiary Provisions** section.

1. Lump Sum

If the amount payable to a Recipient is less than \$10,000, we will pay it in a lump sum.

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

If the amount payable to a Recipient is \$10,000 or more, we will deposit it into a Standard Secure Access checking account which:

- a. Bears interest;
- b. Is owned by the Recipient;
- c. Is subject to the terms and conditions of a confirmation certificate which will be given to the Recipient; and
- d. Is fully guaranteed by us.

3. Installments

Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:

- a. The amount payable is \$10,000 or more;
- b. The Recipient chooses; and
- c. We agree.

To the extent permitted by law, the amount payable to the Recipient will not be subject to any legal process or to the claims of any creditor or creditor's representative.

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ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY

Except for those functions, which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyowner, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in the administration, interpretation, and application of the Group Policy.

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

1. The right to resolve all matters when a review has been requested;
2. The right to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Group Policy and any claim under it;
3. The right to determine:
 - a. Eligibility for insurance;
 - b. Entitlement to benefits;
 - c. Amount of benefits payable;
 - d. Sufficiency and the amount of information we may reasonably require to determine a., b., or c., above.

Subject to the review procedures of the Group Policy, any decision we make in the exercise of our authority is conclusive and binding.

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TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after we have been given Proof Of Loss. No such action may be brought more than three years after the earlier of:

1. The date we receive Proof Of Loss; and
2. The time within which Proof Of Loss is required to be given.

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INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

A. Incontestability Of Insurance

Any statement made to obtain insurance is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless:

1. The insurance would not have been approved if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given you or any other person claiming benefits a copy of the signed written instrument, which contains the misrepresentation.

We will not use a misrepresentation to reduce or deny a claim after the insured's insurance has been in effect for two years.

B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

Any statement made by the Policyowner or Employer to obtain the Group Policy is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation by the Policyowner or Employer will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Group Policy unless:

1. The Group Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given the Policyowner or Employer a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyowner or Employer, which contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Group Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for two years, except for nonpayment of premiums.

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DEFINITIONS

AD&D Insurance means accidental death and dismemberment insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

Annual Earnings means your annual rate of earnings from your Employer. Your Annual Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work unless a different date applies (see the **Coverage Features**). Annual Earnings includes:

1. Contributions you make through a salary reduction agreement with your Employer to:
 - a. An Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k), 403(b), 408(k), or 457 deferred compensation arrangement; or
 - b. An executive nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement.
2. Shift differential pay.
3. Amounts contributed to your fringe benefits according to a salary reduction agreement under an IRC Section 125 plan.

Annual Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Overtime pay.
3. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan.
4. Any other extra compensation.

Child means:

1. Your unmarried child from live birth to age 18 (18 or older if a registered student in full time attendance at an accredited educational institution).
2. Your unmarried child who meets either of the following requirements:
 - a. The child is insured under the Group Policy and, on and after the date on which insurance would otherwise end because of the Child's age, is continuously Disabled.
 - b. The child was insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and was Disabled on that day, and is continuously Disabled thereafter.

Child includes any of the following, if they otherwise meet the definition of Child:

- i. Your adopted child from time of placement; or
- ii. Your stepchild, foster child, and dependent grandchild, if living in your home.

Your child is Disabled if your child is:

1. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and
2. Chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance, or institutionalized because of mental retardation or physical handicap.

You must give us proof your Child is Disabled on our forms within 31 days after a) the date on which insurance would otherwise end because of the Child's age or b) the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy if your child is Disabled on that date. At reasonable intervals thereafter, we may require further proof, and have your Child examined at our expense.

Contributory means you pay all or part of the premium for insurance.

Dependents Life Insurance means dependents life insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period you must be a Member before you become eligible for insurance. See **Coverage Features**.

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

1. Complete and sign our medical history statement;
2. Sign our form authorizing us to obtain information about the applicant's health;
3. Undergo a physical examination, if required by us, which may include blood testing; and
4. Provide any additional information about the applicant's insurability that we may reasonably require.

Group Policy means the group life insurance policy issued by us to the Policyowner and identified by the Group Policy Number.

Injury means an injury to your body.

Life Insurance means life insurance under the Group Policy.

Noncontributory means the Policyowner or Employer pays the entire premium for insurance.

Physician means a licensed M.D. or D.O., acting within the scope of the license. Physician does not include you or your spouse, or the brother, sister, parent or child of either you or your spouse.

Pregnancy means your pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including complications of pregnancy.

Prior Plan means your Employer's group life insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and which is replaced by the Group Policy.

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

Spouse means a person to whom you are legally married. Spouse does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

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